

## PERFECT BILL TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL LAND MORTGAGE BANKS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
WASHINGTON, April 20.—A bill to establish twelve regional land mortgage banks as part of the administration rural credits legislation program, was perfected today by the house banking committee and will be urged for passage next week by house leaders.

The proposed banks would make loans on land through national farm loan associations. Stock would be taken by the federal treasury but under an amendment adopted by the committee today no payments would be made on such stock until the bank in question had received applications for loan from at least ten loan associations.

Subscriptions to stock also would be made by the loan associations and when they had subscribed to \$750,000 in any land bank, that bank would

be authorized to apply semi-annually to the payment and redemption of the shares issued to represent the subscriptions to the original capital, 25 per cent of all sums thereafter subscribed until all such original capital stock was retired at par.

At least 20 per cent of the capital stock of any land bank paid in by the loan association must consist of cash in the banks vaults of deposits in member banks of the federal reserve system, or of investments in negotiable interest-bearing securities approved by the federal farm loan board. Not less than five per cent of the capital stock must be invested in United States bonds.

Representative Moss, a member of the joint committee of congress which framed the original bill, received it today as amendment by the banking committee.

## WHAT AMERICAN TROOPS FIND TO DO IN MEXICO

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prevent the possibility of reaching their goal.

After Guerrero began the present stage, when it was learned that Villa's body guard, and almost surely Villa himself had started southeastward from Guerrero, four small columns first entered this chase, one on Villa's heels, starting three days behind and cutting down the lead bandits through terrible mountain passes, while two other columns of cavalry flanked this chase, one east and another west of the Villa trail, to catch him should he deviate in either direction. Colonel Dodd meanwhile moved toward the vast mountain ranges in the southwest of Chihuahua, to prevent the fugitives from circling back into those almost surely safe refuges. Finally, a few days ago, when it was seen that Major Frank Tompkins, leading the chase directly on Villa's trail, with only 114 men, was heading for the unfriendly Parral country, a fifth cavalry column was sent over a direct line to close up on Tompkins' rear.

The long anticipated break from Carranzistas came at Parral on April 12. Within a few hours after that fight, four of the American columns, following the general plan had joined Tompkins near Santa Cruz about fifteen miles north of Parral making a

body of troops strong enough for any emergency.

Dodd, with the strongest individual column, remained in the west guarding the fastnesses.

Fifteen hundred men comprised these flying columns when they started from Casas Grandes. A little more than half of them remained at the front of the Parral battle. The others had been dropped through the necessities for food, the deaths of horses, and their own semi-nakedness, due to the rigors of day and night riding and occasional fighting among jagged mountain rocks, wildernesses of thorns and the bitter snow and cold of the Guerrero region.

## TO PROTECT WIRELESS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Marines from the Philadelphia and Brooklyn Navy yards have been sent to the wireless stations at Tuckerton, N. J., and Sayville, L. I., Secretary Daniels said today, to insure adequate protection. The German situation, he said, was not alone responsible, and the decision was made some time ago to strengthen the marine guard at both points.

## CAPTAIN BROWN BURIED

OAKLAND, Cal., April 20.—The body of Captain H. L. Brown of the Third ambulance corps, United States army, was to be buried here today. Captain Brown died in El Paso last week of heart trouble, caused by over-exertion while on duty in Mexico with Brigadier General John J. Pershing.

## PRINCIPLES OF UNITED STATES NOT DISPUTED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, April 20.—According to authentic information reaching Washington, Great Britain and France in their joint note replying to the American protest against interferences with neutral trade make no attempt to dispute principles contended for by the United States but insist that those principles have been given legal interpretation and application by the allies in their blockade of Germany and Austria.

This note, which will be handed to the state department with in the next day or two, by the British and French ambassadors is said to be long and extremely technical the reading of the whole subject on a purely legal basis and replying largely upon the precedents laid down by the United States in the civil war. It is said the allies assume that the United States government does not contend that it has the right to ship goods without restrictions into Germany or Austria through contiguous countries, such as Holland, Sweden and Denmark.

The concession of the right to blockade an enemy country which is universally recognized is regarded as necessarily carrying with it the right to regulate the admission of goods to the neutral countries, evidently destined to be transferred to the enemy. Consequently it is contended that it is perfectly within the sphere of international law to limit imports into neutral countries such as Holland and Austria to the amount normally consumed in the neutral country.

Moreover it is argued that an incident to the exercise of this right to regulation of imports is the right to search vessels approaching the neutral country. In this connection the allies held that while in early days it was possible to conduct such a search at sea, conditions of modern sea traffic have made this impossible; hence it has become necessary to take the neutral ship to the nearest convenient port where the cargo may be examined. This is the explanation offered for the apparent unreasonable diversion of many ships from their regular courses and what has been complained of as an unnecessary delay in search. It was with a view to reducing complaint on this score, it is pointed out, that arrangements were made for the British embassy here to advise without delay, American shippers whether their cargoes probably would be subject to detention.

Another point made by the allies is that the character of ships papers have changed completely owing to modern commercial methods, so that no longer can they be relied upon to supply all the evidence necessary to establish the character of a cargo and its liability to seizure. The practice of consigning goods to order, or to individuals in neutral countries who are not the real customers of the goods but are actually distributing agents and forwarders of the enemy country, the allies insist, has made it necessary in cases where neutral ships are detained, to refer their cases to prize courts for examination instead of accepting the ship's papers at their face value.

Complaint by the United States that the prize courts cannot be recognized as competent to render final decisions in the cases of seized or detained vessels and cargoes, is met by the reference to the recent decision in England to that effect that prize courts must be governed by the principles of international law and where orders in council conflict the latter must give way.

There is also, it is pointed out, an acknowledgment of the right of the neutral power, whose ship is seized to appeal to the highest judicial tribunal and even to take up the case diplomatically if dissatisfied. This, it is pointed out was the position assumed by the United States government during the civil war in the famous Bermuda cases, when the British government waited three years for a decision of the United States supreme court in the Spring-Bok case.

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## BRITISH CABINET CRISIS PASSES AND WHOLE NATION REJOICES

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LONDON, April 20.—The whole nation was surprised and the great majority of the people were cheered by the unexpected announcement after the cabinet meeting this morning that the cabinet deadlock over the question of extending military conscription had been compromised. Thus the country is saved from the anxious days it would have spent until parliament reassembles on Tuesday, and from the newspaper controversy which would have raged meantime.

The labor party which was the only political group united against further measures of compulsion is credited with paving the way to the agreement. The leader of the labor party, Arthur Henderson, president of the board of education, proposed, according to reports, a further trial of voluntary enlistment, with the promise that the laborites would consent to a gradual extension of conscription if it proved necessary, to secure the number of men which military authorities consider essential. The labor members, together with others, demanded that they be informed on the exact position—what number of men had already been enrolled and pledged; how many the war office required to enlarge the army and replace the wasting by fighting and other causes. Consequently, a secret session of both houses will be convened Tuesday, at which the government will supply full information.

An official statement tonight declares that the settlement satisfied all shades of opinion represented in the government and emphasizes the sole reason for the secret session of parliament, was to supply confidential information to the members.

Until Premier Asquith's statement yesterday the public failed to realize that the government was actually on the brink of dissolution, as hostile newspapers have strenuously asserted previous crisis which failed to crystallize. This real crisis, which is now surmounted for the present, at least, was not a division on party lines. The Northcliffe Press, so-called, supported by the conservative papers, has attacked the coalition cabinet and particularly the prime minister, for failure to frame and execute a vigorous war supplies, and has demanded general conscription under the watchword "Equality of sacrifice for all."

The liberal papers, with the conservative Daily Telegraph and most of the provincial papers, supported the government.

Among the politicians, David Lloyd George, who, during the earlier stages of the war, were the most popular of the liberal members of the cabinet, Sir Edward Carson, who resigned from the cabinet because of his dissatisfaction with the management of the Gallipoli campaign, and Lord Milner—the two last being strong conservatives—have led in the demand for extending conscription.

Mr. Lloyd George appeared to have lost favor among the liberals in the same degree that he has gained it among the conservatives, while the liberals, rightly or wrongly, attribute to Sir Edward Carson party motives for his course, as the Ulster leader has been the liberal's bitterest opponent since the home rule campaign.

Andrew Bonar Law, secretary for the colonies, has strongly supported conscription, but it is believed that he placed the retention of the coalition cabinet above every other consideration in importance.

Some newspapers have hinted that Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, secretary for war, and Lieutenant General Sir William R. Robertson, chief of headquarters' staff, threatens to resign unless the government meet the war office requirements for troops. But the Nationalist has been put to Mr. Asquith's head, save by his own friends, referring chiefly to Mr. Lloyd George.

The king, the prime minister and more of the cabinet members left London this evening to spend the Easter holidays in the country.

A secret session of parliament is almost unprecedented. The last secret session of the house of commons has held in 1878. Only the most important officials of the house, besides the members, will be permitted to attend. The press censorship is a guarantee against the information of the government revealing becoming public. It would be an offense against the defense of the realm act for newspapers to publish reports if they were able to secure the information.

Heavy fighting continues in the Tchoruk region where the Russians are pressing forward in their attempt to capture Balbur, and come into contact with their army now occupying Trebizond.

Constantinople report that the British troops besieged in Kut-el Amara are in a critical situation owing to a lack of food and have forced the civilian population to evacuate the town.

The usual bombardments are going on along the Austro-Italian front and the Germans are keeping up their rain of shells on the Russian position on the Dskull bridgehead.

The British cabinet crisis has ended by an agreement by the members of the ministry, who held divergent views on the subject.

More Ships Sunk

LONDON, April 20.—The British steamer Caintowan, has been sunk according to Lloyd's. The crew was saved. The steamer was not armed. The Caintowan a vessel of 4,017 tons was built in 1911.

The British bark Ravenhill was sunk Tuesday. The crew was saved and landed today according to Lloyd's. The Ravenhill was a vessel of 1,825 tons.

Germans Need Reinforcements

PARIS, April 20.—French resistance in the region of Verdun is compelling the German general staff to withdraw large forces from the Tretton front in Macedonia, Serbia, and in Russia, according to information obtained today from the highest military authorities here.

The first division of the first German army corps and another division not yet identified, are said to be among the troops which have just been brought from the other fronts. The 18th army corps and the 11th bavarian division it is declared have been brought from Serbia.

A strong force of Russian troops disembarked at Marseilles at noon today.

The Russians are to fight beside the allied soldiers in France.

Gen. Joffre, in an order of the day, said it was another instance of the cooperation of Russia with the allies and praised the loyalty of the new troops to their common cause.

The Russian forces will be used to fill in gaps on the western front caused by the recent fighting.

The arrival of the Russian troops is regarded here as an event of great importance and of significance from both a military and a political standpoint.

The Russians came on a great flotilla of transports. Not a single word

of their coming was permitted to become generally known until they had actually concluded the journey and were landing on French soil. No exact details as to the number of Russians are available.

French troops took the offensive last night in the Verdun region on the right bank of the Meuse. The war office announcement of this afternoon says that they captured parts of German trenches, occupied a redoubt and took several hundred prisoners.

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